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1. FIRST APPALACHIAN CORP. PRESIDENT BLACK DEPARTED CAIRO DECEMBER 7 WITHOUT HAVING RESOLVED HIS FIRM'S PROBLEMS WITH EL NASR COKE COMPANY. ACCORDING BLACK, ALTHOUGH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (WITH WHOM BLACK MET) FELT THAT SATISFACTORY SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND, EL NASR COKE CHAIRMAN FARID REMAINED ADAMANT ABOUT DRAWING DOWN ON BOND AND APPARENTLY HAS LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY IN THIS MATTER. FARID INVITED BLACK TO "SUE" AND BLACK SAID HE DOES INTEND TAKE LEGAL ACTION.

2. IMPRESSION FROM BLACK IS THAT FARID AVOIDED SUBSTANTIVE REPLIES TO POINTS BLACK MADE, WHICH INCLUDED ALLEGATION THAT ONLY APPALACHIAN HAD BEEN MADE SUBJECT TO SMALL SHIP REQUIREMENT, WHILE FOREIGN COMPETITORS WERE ALLOWED IGNORE IT, AND THAT COKE COMPANY WAS ACCEPTING, IN LIEU OF APPALACHIAN'S PRODUCT, INFERIOR COAL AT HIGHER PRICES FROM OTHERS. BLACK PUT THESE CHARGES AND EXPLANATION OF CASE IN LETTER WHICH HE SENT TO PRESIDENT SADAT BEFORE LEAVING CAIRO.

3. EMBASSY IS UNABLE MAKE JUDGEMENT ABOUT SPECIFICS FACTS OF THIS
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CASE AND DECLINED ACCOMPANY BLACK ON INITIAL VISITS TO LAWYERS

AND COKE COMPANY OFFICIALS. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT BLACK'S
ALLEGATIONS WARRANT PURSUING INQUIRY WITH COKE COMPANY.
AT LEAST TWO GOE MINISTERS HAVE SPOKEN TO AMBASSADOR ABOUT
SUPPLYING US COKING COAL TO EGYPT. MINECON OFFICIALS HAVE
ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF AID FINANCING OF SUCH
SUPPLIES. EMBOFF HAS THEREFORE MADE APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS
MATTER WITH FARID DECEMBER 11.
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